



Action Steps for a Tornado Warning

A Tornado Warning means a Tornado is occurring. Seconds Count!

- **If you are inside:** go to a safe place to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. Go to the basement or a hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest level near the center of the structure. Get down and cover your head. Get under a sturdy piece of furniture or a mattress if available. **Stay away from windows.**
- **If you are outside:** hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area and cover your head.
- **If you are in a vehicle:** go immediately to the basement or interior room of a nearby sturdy building. Do not try to outrun a tornado. If there is no sturdy building nearby, get out of your vehicle and find a ditch or depression away from your vehicle. Lie flat in it and protect your head.
- **If you are in a mobile home:** leave and seek shelter in a nearby sturdy building. Mobile homes, even if properly tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes or severe storms.

NEVER GO OUTSIDE TO “SEE” THE TORNADO